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TAGS: EGEN, APER (MATTOX, HENRY E., FSO-3)

SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS IN DEPARTMENT FOR MATTOX

REF: STATE 46923

1. FINECON MATTOX EXPECTS TO ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON O/A THURSDAY, APRIL 29 ON HL/RT ORDERS. MATTOX ARRIVED CAIRO SIX MONTHS AGO ON DIRECT TRANSFER WITHOUT OPPORTUNITY TO CONSULT IN WASHINGTON PRIOR TO TAKING UP KEY POSITION ON MY STAFF. REFTEL TM-4 AUTHORIZES FIVE WORKDAYS CONSULTATION, BUT I BELIEVE A SOMEWHAT LONGER PERIOD, AT BEGINNING AND END OF HOME LEAVE, WOULD BE OF CONSIDERABLE BENEFIT TO BOTH DEPT. AND EMBASSY CAIRO. ADDED TIME WOULD PERMIT MORE EXTENSIVE CONTACTS AND DISCUSSIONS WITH UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON'S OFFICE, TREASURY, EXIM, COMMERCE AND OTHER INTERESTED USG AGENCIES, PLUS IBRD AND IMF, AS WELL AS USUAL ROUND OF CONSULTATIONS IN DEPT. THIS SEEMS ESPECIALLY DESIRABLE IN VIEW USG CONCERN WITH EGYPTIAN ECONOMY AND LIQUIDITY PROBLEMS.

2. I REQUEST AMENDMENT OF ORDERS, THEREFORE, TO AUTHORIZE SIX WORKDAYS CONSULTATION BEGINNING ABOUT APRIL 30 (FRIDAY THROUGH FOLLOWING FRIDAY) AND UP TO FOUR WORKDAYS PRIOR TO DEPARTING US FOR POST. NO RPT NO ADDITIONAL AIR TRAVEL COSTS WOULD BE INVOLVED. LATTER
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PERIOD WOULD BE MOST USEFUL IN IMPARTING WASHINGTON

VIEWS PRIOR TO RETURN TO CAIRO. IF APPROVED, SUGGEST NEA/EGY
BEGIN TO PUT TOGETHER TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF DEBRIEFINGS
AND DISCUSSIONS WITH APPROPRIATE AGENCIES.

3. PLEASE ADVISE.
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